



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Lights on Afterschool Day

WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool Day underlines that the State of Hawai'i has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool Day, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, 2014, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool Day highlights that more than 28 million children in the United States have parents who work outside the home, and that 15.1 million children have no place to go after school; and

WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool Day underscores that that many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool Day recognizes that the State of Hawai'i is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare our young people to compete in the global economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2014, as

"LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in redoubling our commitment to promoting innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of October, 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i